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SUBJECT: PERSONS TRANSITING JAN SMUTS AIRPORT, JOHANNESBURG

1. CONGEN JOHANNESBURG IS OF COURSE PREPARED TO MEET AND ASSIST INDIVIDUALS ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORDER WHEN THEY TRANSIT JAN SMUT AIRPORT. HOWEVER, THE POST WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT, WHICH SERVICES JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA IS A TWO-HOUR ROUND-TRIP FROM JOHANNESBURG. WITH ITS LIMITED STAFF THIS OBVIOUSLY CREATES A SERIOUS RESOURCES PROBLEM IN TERMS OF MANPOWER AND VEHICLE AVAILABILITY DURING OFFICE HOURS. AFTER REGULAR HOURS IT ADDS CONSIDERABLY TO OVERTIME COSTS WHICH ARE ALREADY STRETCHED.

2. AS THERE ARE THREE HOTELS WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE AIRPORT AREA (ONE IN THE AIRPORT TERMINAL ITSELF PLUS A SOUTHERN SUNS AIRPORT HOTEL AND A TOLIDAY INN AIRPORT HOTEL NEARBY), THE POST BELIEVES THAT THE TRAVELER SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN SECURING LODGING. ENGLISH IS, OF COURSE, SPOKEN THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA AND LANGUAGE THEREFORE DOES NOT PRESENT A PROBLEM TO THE TRAVELER.

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3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL GLADLY MAKE BOOKINGS AND RESERVATIONS AS REQUESTED BUT, IN VIEW OF ABOVE, THE POST WILL APPRECIATE PASSENGERS WHO ARE MERELY TRANSITING JOHANNESBURG TO LIMIT REQUESTS FOR "MEET AND ASSIST".

4. THE BUREAU'S HELP IN MAKING THE ABOVE KNOWN AS APPROPRIATE WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. EMBASSY HAS CONCURRED WITH THIS

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